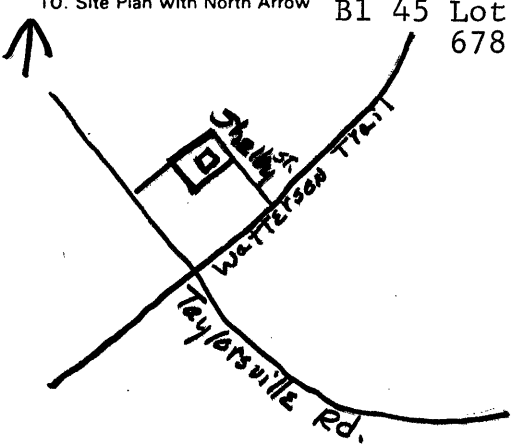


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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. JF 686

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Jeffersontown Colored School</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Jefferson/Jefferson</u> 0 5 6	
Original Owner <u>Bd. of Education of Jefferson Co.</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Jeffersontown, Ky.</u> G.I.S. Mod. <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Present Name		24. UTM Reference <u>16 6 2 5 6 9 0 4 2 2 8 3 0 1 0</u>	
3. Location <u>10400 Shelby St., Jeffersontown, Ky.</u>		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Thomas W. Gilpin & Daniel Lyons, Sr.</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>10400 Shelby St. Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building * Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Jeff. County Office of Historic Preservation and Archives</u>		27. National Register District Name: <u>n/a</u>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow <u>B1 45 Lot 678</u> 		11. Architect <u>Oscar W. Holmes</u>	
		12. Builder <u>Moore Brothers</u>	
		13. Date <u>1929-30</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
		14. Style A. <u>Art Deco</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	
		15. Original Use <u>Elementary School</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		16. Present use <u>storage</u>	
		17. Condition <u>poor</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18. Description <u>see attached page</u>		29. Status _____ Date _____ National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Education</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 9 Secondary <u>Black History</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 8 Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
		31. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
		33. ATTACH PHOTO	
		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
		34. Prepared by: <u>Mary Jean Kinsman</u>	
		35. Organization <u>Jefferson County Office of Historic Pres. & Archives J</u>	
		36. Date <u>84</u>	
19. History <u>see attached page</u>		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	
20. Significance <u>see attached page</u>			
21. Source of Information <u>see attached page</u>			

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18. Description

One story brick structure with a ground floor or partial basement and a flat roof with a parapet wall on three sides. The entrances are recessed in vestibules which have round arches of brick with limestone voussoirs. Windows are large industrial-type openings which have been boarded on the main floor and filled with concrete block at the basement level. Some original windows remain beneath the boarding. Buttress-like brick pilasters with limestone trim provide decorative elements on the front facade.

19. History

The old Jeffersontown Colored School (first known as School #2A) was built in 1929-30 as an elementary school for black children in grades one through eight who lived in Jeffersontown and the surrounding area. It replaced a frame residence which was on the site when it was purchased by the Board of Education of Jefferson County in 1912 and which had housed the elementary school since that time. The architect of the new building was Oscar W. Holmes, a former teacher at DuPont Manual Training School and a draftsman/architect for the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Holmes, along with local architects Arthur G. Tafel and Edgar Archer, submitted proposals in April 1929 to the Board of Education for "architectural work" to be carried out in the 1929-30 school year. Holmes was employed to furnish plans for the Jeffersontown Colored School and a gymnasium at Okolona. The low bid of \$14,540 by Moore Bros., contractors, was accepted.

When the new school opened in 1930, there were 13 county elementary schools for black children, most small frame buildings dating from the early 1900s. The Jeffersontown school accommodated an average of 120 pupils per year with three teachers. Following the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954, integration was gradually implemented in the Jefferson County schools and by 1963 all of the existing elementary schools for black children had been closed. The Jeffersontown Colored School closed in 1961.

20. Significance

The Jeffersontown Colored School building is significant in the history of public school education and of black culture in Jefferson County. Although a result of the "separate but equal" policy of the school system which for nearly a half-century prevailed until 1954 (and which was often less than equal), the construction of the new school in 1929-30 upgraded an educational facility for black children by replacing a substandard frame house with a modern brick structure. Moreover, as far as can be determined, the Jeffersontown Colored School building is the only elementary school structure built for black students which is still standing in Jefferson County, outside the city of Louisville.

21. Sources of Information

Information from Pat Layne, archivist, Jefferson County Board of Education, Louisville, Kentucky.

Minutes of the Board of Education of Jefferson County, 1912-1930.

Information from Betty Stotz, Department of Facilities, Jefferson County Board of Education.

Jefferson County, Kentucky Deed Books and Louisville City Directories.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Jeffersontown Colored School Site # JF 686

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Jefferson County (Ky.) MRA

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

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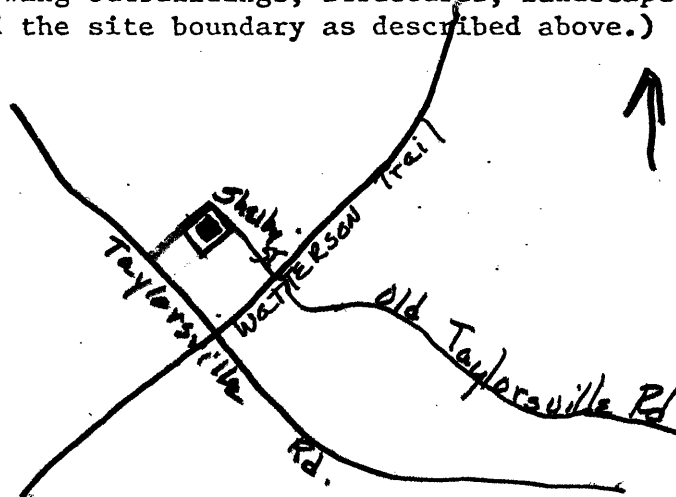
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage approx. .9 acre

The nomination comprises all of Lot 678 in County Block 45 of the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator, and contains approximately .9 acre.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Description in Deed Book 5049 page 687, October 1978.